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Under 35 USC 111(a) and Rule 53(b)

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Herewith is the PATENT APPLICATION of
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Title STORAGE DEVICE

Atty. Dkt.:	0309396	H8156US
	C-M	Client Ref

including:

Date: April 21, 2004

1. Specification: 17 pages (only spec. and claims) 2. ☐ Specification in non-English language
3. Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy ☒ Abstract 1 page(s); 11 numbered claims
4. ☒ Drawings: 4 sheet(s) ☐ informal; ☒ formal of size: ☒ A4 ☐ 11"
5. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National or International application(s). ("X" box only if info is there and do not complete corresponding item 6 or 7). (Prior M# _____ SN _____)
6. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated into this application by this reference:

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No. PCT	/	filed	_____, which

designated the US.

7. ☐ See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the specification to claim benefit of the above listed US application(s)

8. ☒ Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.

9. ☒ Assignee **Yamaha Corporation**

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10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in Japan

11. _____ (country)

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) 2003-125361	April 30, 2003	(2)	
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12. 1 (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☒ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) _____
in U.S. Application No. / filed on
13. Small entity status → ☒ is **not** claimed; ☐ is claimed (Pre-filing confirmation required)
- 13(a). ☐ Attached: _____ (No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (since 9/8/00 small entity statement(s) not essential to make claim)
- 13(b). ☐ See **NONPUBLICATION REQUEST** under Rule 213(a) attached (PAT-258)

14. **DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

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15. ☐ This application is being filed under Rule 53(b)(2) since an inventor is named in the enclosed Declaration who was not named in the prior application.

16. ☐ Attached:

17. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:

THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELLED

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18. Basic Filing Fee				\$770/\$385	\$770	1001/2001
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20. Independent Claims	3	minus 3 =	*0	x \$86/\$43 =	+ 0	1201/2201
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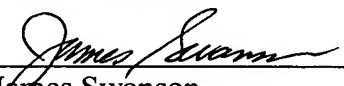
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- ☒ Letter of transmittal
- ☒ Patent application (17 pages of specification; 11 claims; 1 pages of abstract)
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee
- ☒ 4 sheets of formal drawings
- ☒ A Declaration/Power of Attorney
- ☒ An Assignment of the invention with cover sheet and \$40.00 recordation fee
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement with 2 reference(s) and form PTO-1449
- ☒ Certified copy of (1) Japanese patent application from which priority is claimed
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